(c) The proposal was included amongst the additional proposals on electoral reforms for being discussed with leaders of political partes. Some of the said proposals including this proposal, however, could not be discussed despite three rounds of discussions with leaders of political parties. The matter is under consideration and a Bill to give effect to the package of Electoral Reforms is likely to be introduced in the current session of Parliament.

Committee to look into Central and State Legislations

2303. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a Group or Committee to go into the whole gamut of Central and State Legislations;

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference of this Group/ Committee;

(c) whether any interim recommendations or observations have been made by the Group/Committee;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) what is the total number of existing laws and the list thereof; and

(f) by when the Group/Committee is supposed to submit its final report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) Yes, Sir, but only for the Central laws.

(b) The terms of reference of the Expert Group will be as follows—

(i) Indentification of laws which are no longer needed or relevant and can be immediately repealed;

(ii) Identification of laws which are in harmony with the existing climate of economic liberalization which need no change;

(iii) Identification of laws which require changes or amendments and suggestions for amendments; and

(iv) Revision of rules, regulations, orders and notifications, etc.

(c) No, Sir,

(d) In view of the answer to (c), this does not arise.

(e) Total number of existing laws is 1069. The list of Central Acts will be laid on the Table of the House.

(f) In three months time.

उच्च न्यायालयों में मुख्य न्यायाधीशों के रिक्त पद

2304. **श्री रामगोपाल यादव :**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव :

क्या **विधि और न्याय मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय देश में ऐसे उच्च न्यायालयों की संख्या कितनी है जहां मुख्य न्यायाधीश के पद रिक्त हैं ;

(ख) देश के किन-किन उच्च न्यायालयों में कितने-कितने न्यायाधीशों के पद रिक्त हैं और इन रिक्तियों के कारण न्यायिक कार्य अब तक किस हद तक प्रभावित हुआ है; और

(ग) सरकार उच्च न्यायालयों में मुख्य न्यायाधीश तथा अन्य न्यायाधीशों की नियुक्ति कब तक करेगी ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामाकान्त डी. खलप) : (क) कलकत्ता, गुजरात और सिक्किम के उच्च न्यायालयों में 1-8-1997 को कार्यकारी मुख्य न्यायमूर्ति थे ।